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Pre-wedding photo-shoot blocks traffic near Palace

Police to book criminal cases against wedding party

A pre-wedding photo-shoot this morning in front of Town Hall. Circled to the right are the wedding couple and photographer and to the left is a person controlling traffic.

Mysuru, Sept. 15 (RK&BCT)- Wedding season is here. And the desire to capture the beautiful moments of wedding event is strong and therefore we find dedicated pre-wedding photo-shoot services, the demand of which is growing fast.

These photo-shoots are often imaginatively planned and styled with each photographer coming up with perfect ideas to make every pre-wedding shoot the best. And of course, one major factor that marks the beauty of a pre-wedding shoot is the location one chooses.

Obviously there are many good locations that can act as a perfect background to a couple shoot. But how about a busy road for a pre-wedding shoot? Yes. This morning, the busy road near the Town Hall-Mysore Palace junction (Ashoka Road and Sri Harsha Road) witnessed one such photo shoot that led to a lot of inconvenience to the commuters.

Traffic on the stretch was stopped frequently from 6 am to 8 am. Even an ambulance was stopped for 10 minutes. The City Police have now taken the incident seriously and criminal cases will be booked against the people involved in the shoot.

Over 10 persons including the couple who wanted the photo-shoot done landed on the road near the Town Hall at around 6 am. The shoot started bang on the middle of the road with Mysore Palace as the background. While over two photographers were capturing the couple in various poses, the others were giving ideas for the couple to pose.

(See PHOTO-SHOOT on page 8)

Vehicle owners scurry to get emission certificates

Mysuru, Sept. 15 (RK&BCT)- Queues extending for more than one hour, squabbles over waiting time and hundreds of vehicles being checked for emissions — a week after the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, came into force, pollution checking centres in Mysuru have seen a sudden surge in customers.

Today being a Sunday, there was extra rush as people were eager to get their "Pollution Under Check" (PUC) Certificate today itself to avoid coughing up a huge amount as fine. There is a three-fold increase in the number of vehicles taking the tests at centres, and this is because the penalty amount for violating emission norms has also increased multi-fold.

Under the amended Act, penalty for PUC violations has increased up to Rs. 10,000. The fine used to be Rs. 1,000 for first offence and Rs. 2,000 for subsequent violations. There are a couple of authorised emission test centres in city including two near the RTO Office on M.G. Road, near K.D. Circle in Vijayanagar Second Stage, near Shubhodini Convention Hall at Hebbal, near Old RMC private bus stand on Sayyaji Rao Road, Dr. Rajkumar Road and two near East RTO.

(See VEHICLE on page 9)

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Medal-winning athletes

Mysuru, Sept.15- The following athletes of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar, have bagged medals in the Mysuru District Level Junior Track and Field Athletic Meet-2019 organised by Mysuru District Athletics Association: H.S. Harshitha (Class IX) - gold medal in 200 meters and 400 meters run; Sugosh R. Joshi (Class IX) - bronze in discus-throw; S.C. Bhuvan (Class X) - bronze in 1,000 meters run.

They were trained by Physical Education teachers S. Rithesh and M. Jayaprakash.

Medical test for new Constables

Mysuru, Sept.15- The District Police have announced the first list of 39 candidates selected for the posts of Civil Constables who have to undergo medical test. The list is announced on the notice board of the District Police office and also on *www.ksp.gov.in*

The medical test will be done from Sept.16 based on merit at K.R. Hospital.

The selected candidates should report on Sept.16 at 9.15 am at the Jalapuri office for verification of documents.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

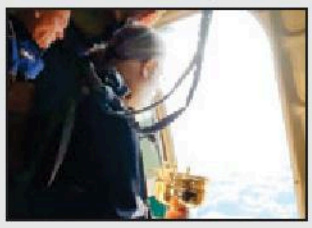
One of the single greatest achievements of medical science has been the conquest of bodily pain, thanks to modern anaesthesia. Physical pain is arguably the most de-humanising condition that we can suffer. The reason is that our humanness is founded on a projection of our hopes and our aspirations: we are the projects that we make of ourselves, and this is what gives meaning and orientation to our lives. We want to become board exam toppers, or engineers, or artists, or mathematicians, or social workers, or athletes, or good parents who raise a family, or well-regarded members of our community, or anything else. All these future extensions of ourselves, these horizons within which we seek and which make us what we are, are utterly obliterated, as though they'd never existed, when we undergo extremes of pain.

Modern anaesthesia, which was first used in surgery in America in 1846, saves us from the brute tyranny of physical pain, which countless earlier generations had to endure under the surgeon's curative but cruel knife. If it could go further and deliver us from the equal anguish of the pain of the spirit — the pain of grief and loss — we'd banish the concept of hell. And, having gained it here, we could dispense with the need for a heaven hereafter.

— *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bizarre aerial blessing!



Tver: Orthodox priests in Russia's Tver Oblast region, literally reached new heights in their quest to save their congregations from addictive sins like drinking and fornicating. They got in an airplane and doused the whole city of Tver in holy water, in order to cleanse it. Metropolitan Savva of Tver and Kashinsky, Father Alexander Goryachev and two other members of the Russian Orthodox Church performed the bizarre aerial blessing last Wednesday, in honour of All-Russian Sobriety Day. They boarded a small plane and brought with them 70 litres of holy water and two icons — the "Inexhaustible Chalice" — said to be able to cure people of alcohol and drug addiction, and one of John the Baptist. After taking off from an airfield near the city of Tver, the clergymen strapped on their safety harnesses, opened the airplane door and, organised a prayer service before pouring the holy water over the city.

Extreme wedding proposal

Moscow: Imagine driving a car, minding your own business, when all of a sudden a black van cuts you off and slams the breaks forcing you to do the same in a split second. That would be scary enough, but it gets worse. The van door slides open and masked men carrying assault rifles jump out and violently pull you out of the vehicle, while they go through your personal belongings seemingly searching for something. And then they find it — a small plastic bag full of white powder that they claim is illegal drugs. You've never seen it before, but they claim otherwise and you feel your legs shaking under you as you try to grasp the implications of the situation. Then, all of a sudden, one of the threatening men drops down to one knee, pops open a small case and says "Marry me!"

That's pretty much the gist of the extreme wedding proposal trend that has been sweeping Russia over the last few years.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is cancer a modern day disease?

Dr. Albert Schweitzer found no cancer among the Gabon natives in West Africa. No cancer was found among the natives of Brazil and Ecuador. The same was true with the Hunza people in Northern Pakistan, as well as the Inuit Eskimos. Now, with the western diet, their cancer rates are comparable to those in America.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Army recruitment rally in Madikeri from Oct.13

Mysuru, Sept.15 (US)- An Army Recruitment Rally will be held at the District Sports Stadium in Madikeri from Oct.13 to 18 for the posts of Sainiks (General and Technical), Trademen, Clerks, Store-keepers, Nursing Assistants and Pharmacists.

Candidates, who have passed SSLC, PUC and D.Pharma, are eligible to participate.

Candidates from Kolar, Bengaluru City/ Rural, Tumakuru, Mandya, Chamarajangar, Ramanagar, Chitradurga, Kodagu, Hassan and Mysuru districts can participate in the rally.

Registration should be done online by visiting *www.joinindianarmy.nic.in* before Sept.29. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2489972.

Entries invited from women entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Sept.15 (US)- Karnataka State Women Development Corporation (KSWDC) has organised an exhibition and sale of products produced by women utilising the facilities of KSWDC at J.K. Grounds in city from Sept.30 to Oct.4.

Women entrepreneurs interested to participate should apply before Sept.19 to the Deputy Director, District Office, K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

Members of Sthree Shakti groups can register their names with the office of the Child Development Project Officer.

Priority will be given for displaying products like ready-made nutritious food, handicrafts, terracotta items, pottery items, embroidery and carpets.

For details, contact Mob: 82178-06722.

Really...?

- *The fossilized skeletons of the prehistoric whale were found in the Egyptian Sahara. Known as the "Valley of the Whales," this section of the desert is a 50-million-year-old treasure chest of fossilized marine life.*
- *"Big Mama Brooding" is the name given to this 75-million-year-old fossil that depicts an oviraptorid dinosaur protecting its eggs to its last breath.*
- *Approximately 4,000 fossil specimens have been uncovered in the ancient "Texas Serengeti." The diverse collection is comprised of over 50 animal species including alligators, rhinos, elephant-like mammals, and more that are said to have existed in the Texas Gulf Coast some 11 to 12 million years back.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Bob: *"Holy schmoozes, I just fell off a 30 ft ladder."*
Jim: *"No way man, are you okay?"*
Bob: *"Yeah, luckily I was just on the first step."*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.03
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 88.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.34
1 Euro	= Rs.79.25

VOICE OF THE READER

Mission *Paani*: Conserve Water

Ensure rain water drainage system is built properly in all localities so this water flows into a Lake or an artificial pond or back into the nearest river

Sir,

Mission 'Paani' is a global campaign by the Government, multinational companies and various NGOs, to raise awareness of water conservation. Currently about 60 crore Indians face high to extreme water stress and about two lakh Indians die of inadequate access to safe water.

Even in areas where it rains heavily during the monsoon season, there is acute shortage of water during the winter and summer months. These extremities can be minimised by reviving the existing lakes which have been filled up with rocks and concrete jungle built over it and by digging several artificial water storage lakes. And, of course, planting more trees all over India would be a good move and the Government of India and other NGOs are already planning to plant tens of crores of new saplings.

To meet the water conservation goal, both the local authority's action and individual resident's co-operation is required.

The local authorities could ensure that the rain water drainage system is built properly in all localities and this water flows into a Lake or an artificial pond or back to the nearest river. For example, in Jayalakshmipuram, some three years back on the road side adjacent to individual compound walls, L-shaped open drains were built with concrete. However, it was not interconnected to any main drain so at the end of the road, all water accumulated and overflowed to the road. Any project not completed 100% unfortunately does not yield the desired results. This aspect needs to be addressed urgently.

Secondly, the local authorities could insist on rain water harvesting in all houses with large plot area. As a rule, they must insist on all new houses to install this facility prior to obtaining a Completion Report. Regarding already built large houses, issue notice and give them sufficient time before imposing a monthly fine.

The individual house owners also must realise the importance of co-operating with the local authorities in installing such a system in their houses. In the absence of proper rain water drainage system on the road side, any excess rain water in their property eventually flows into the UGD system and that system gets overloaded and clogged. In this connection, proper connected rain water drainage on the road side is absolutely essential.

—U.B. Acharya

Jayalakshmipuram 6.9.2019

MLA inaugurates Tent School

Mysuru, Sept.15 (MTY&US)- The customary Tent School for children of Mahouts and Kavadis of Dasara elephants was inaugurated at Palace premises here yesterday by MLA S.A. Ramdas, who also taught a few Kannada and English alphabets to the children in a symbolic gesture. He showered flower petals on a portrait of Goddess Chamundeshwari.

The Tent School now has 18 kids of Mahouts and Kavadis who have come with the first batch of Dasara elephants. The kids of the handlers of the second batch of elephants, numbering about 12, are expected in a day of two taking the total strength to 30.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas disclosed that it is proposed to bring students of City Government School for the first time once a week to the Tent School and arrange an interaction with the students there which would help to get over the obvious shyness among Tent School children. He added that the move would also help to improve the learning skills.

He said that several contests would also be organised for the children and prizes would be given to the winners.

Uniform and books were distributed to the children.

DDPI Dr. Panduranga, Block Education Officer Shivakumar, Block Resource Co-ordinator C. Nagesh, Cluster Resource Person Veenasri, teachers Basavaraj, Nagendra, Subbalakshmi and others were present.

PULBIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the General public that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property for a valuable consideration from its absolute owner Sri Nithyananda Kini Jerome S/o Late G.G.Kini, aged about 72 years, residing at House No. 393, 9th Cross, Rainbow Drive Layout, Doddakannahalli, Sarjapura Main Road, Bangalore –South, Bangalore -560035, hence if anybody / General Public has any Right, Title, Interest or Claim/s, Lien/s, Objection/s, Charge/s, etc., over the Schedule property shall contact me at the below mentioned address during the working hours, with the documentary proof/s in original within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication. Failing which it will be presumed by my client that (a) there are no claim/s, lien/s, objection/s, etc., (b) if any, the same is / are deemed to have been waived and thus my client will be obliged to proceed with the execution and Registration of the Absolute Sale Deed as if there are no valid claim/s, lien/s, objection/s, charge/s, etc., subsisting against the Schedule property.

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Khushi bags three Gold Medals in Asian Yoga Championship

H. Khushi

Mysuru, Sept.15- H. Khushi, a first PUC student of Vijaya Vittala Composite PU College, Saraswathipuram, represented Junior Girls' (14-17 years) in the 9th Asian Yoga Sports Championship held at South Korea recently and won Gold Medals in Asans, Rhythmic Pair and Free Flow Yoga Dance events.

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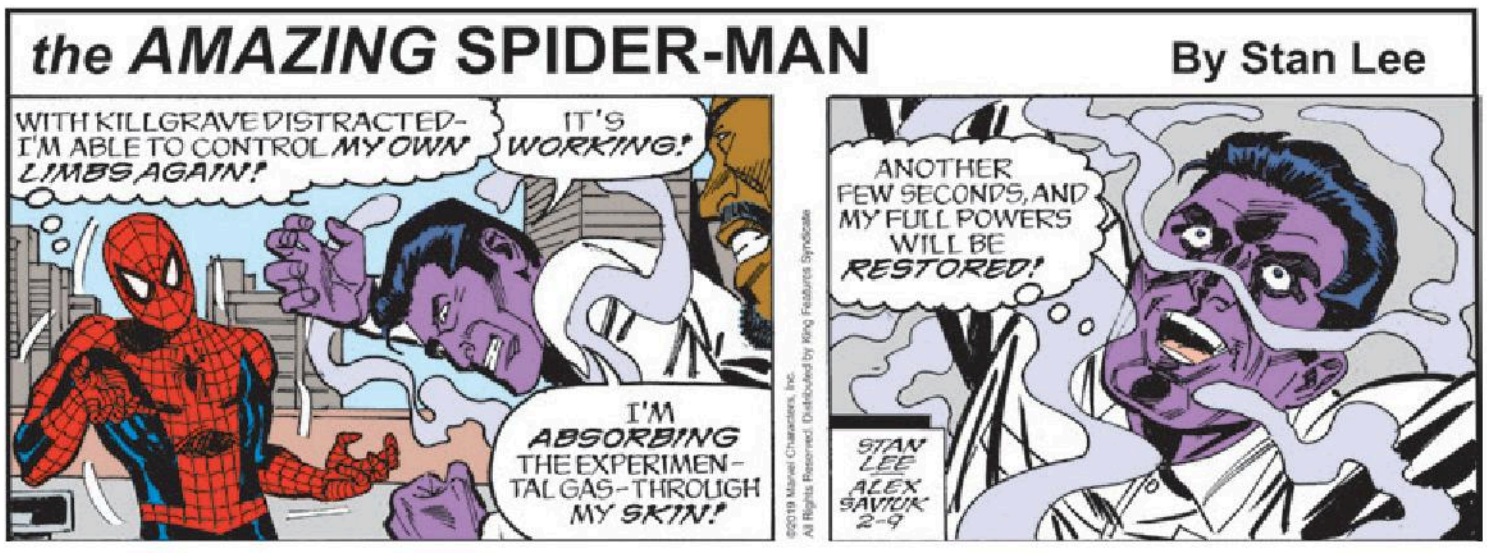
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NEWS BRIEFS

Plays this evening

As part of 'Karantha Namana' programme, the play 'T. Prasannana Grihasthashrama' will be staged at Natana School of Theatre Arts in Ramakrishnanagar at 6.30 pm today.

Rangayana has organised the play 'The House of Bernarda Alba' at Bhoomigeeta today at 6.30 pm.

Yunika Mysuru has organised the play 'Gundu Balaga' directed by NINASAM artiste Anurag Sharma at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises today at 7 pm.

Power disruption

Owing to second quarterly maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Sept.16) between 10 am and 5 pm: Nanjumalige Circle, Lakshmipuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Narayan Shastry Road, Kakaravadi, Nalabeedi, Hosakeri, Agrahara, Thyagaraja Road, Industrial Suburb, Vishveshwaranagar, Krishnamurthypuram, Nachanahalli Palya, Gundurao Nagar, Kanakagiri, Ashokapuram, Saraswathipuram, Railway Workshop, Mahadevapura, Ramabainagar, Srirampura, Jayanagar, K.G. Koppal, Shivapura, Devalapura hobli, Adichunchanagiri Road, J.P. Nagar and surroundings.

Bharatiya Janapada Sammelana at CIIL

Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) has organised the 43rd Bharatiya Janapada Sammelana on Sept.16 at CIIL auditorium in city at 10 am. Prof. Mani Miti of Manipur University will be the chief guest. Conference Chair Prof. Jawaharlal Handoo and CIIL Director Prof. D.G. Rao will be present on the occasion.

Annual Meetings

The Mysore City Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Chamaraja Double Road, will hold its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2018-19 at the Society's Community Hall on Sept.22 at 3 pm. Society President B. Nagaraju will preside.

Bapuji Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha will hold its AGM at the Sangha premises, Bapuji Layout, Bogadi, on Sept.22 at 11 am. Sangha President M.K. Shivakumar will preside.

Free coaching

District Employment Exchange and Department of Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation, under the study circle programme, have organised a free pre-examination coaching camp from Oct.1 to 11. Candidates should register their names before Sept.29 with the office of the Deputy Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation, near DC's office, Mysuru. For details, call Ph: 0821-2425240/2489972, according to a press release.

MCC to launch e-waste collection drive on Sept. 17

Mysuru, Sept.15 (MTY&NNN)- As part of Bharat Vikas Diwas to celebrate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru Urban Development Authority, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Department of Education, Let's Do It! Mysore, GSS Foundation, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Police Department have jointly organised a pilot project to tackle the e-waste generated in city.

As part of the programme, a one-day e-waste collection drive will be launched on Sept. 17. Residents can handover e-waste to civic workers at their doorsteps. Disposal of e-waste which contains toxic material could pollute groundwater if left untreated.

Addressing a press conference at a private hotel in the city yesterday, MLA S.A. Ramdas said that Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Managing Trustee, Adamya Chetana Foundation, Bengaluru, will inaugurate the programme that is being held for the first time in the State.

District Minister V. Somanna, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait, L. Nagendra and others will be present. MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that as per e-Waste Management Rules 2016, it was the responsibility of every citizen to ensure scientific disposal of e-waste and the aim of the drive was to ensure proper disposal of e-waste.

Residents can handover the waste to the civic workers, who visit each house across the city. There will be no collection of dry and wet waste on that day, he said. In addition, the civic body will also establish e-waste dropping centres at all nine zones and residents can drop waste there too. Dry and wet waste is being collected all these years but e-waste has been completely neglected. On Sept.17, e-waste such as keyboards, pen drives, obsolete electronic equipment, will be collected. The main aim of this exercise is to turn city Green. The e-waste thus collected will be dumped in nine zones and experts will assess the value of the waste and the revenue generated will be used for other purposes. Two or three companies have come forward to collect this waste, he said.

As many as 235 pushcarts, 165 auto tippers will be used for the waste collection. The MCC will utilise the service of 800 civic workers for the collection.

The MCC has imparted training for sanitary supervisors, environmental engineers and health inspectors on collection of e-waste.

The Commissioner said the MCC has planned to collect e-waste once a month from houses. The drive would be held on the 17th of every month. When asked about the quantity of e-waste being generated in the city, he said, the civic body had not made any such estimate and the amount of e-waste would be ascertained after the collection.

There are nine zero waste units in the city with four to five nodal officers in-charge, apart from Assistant Commissioners and Environment Engineers. A Control Room has been set up with numbers 0821-2440890 or mobile 9449841195/96 and public can call to inform about e-waste.

Deputy Director for Public Instructions Panduranga said that school students have been asked to bring e-waste from their houses. The civic workers will collect the waste from the schools, he said. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj said that the city Police will hand over the e-waste stored at Police Stations. The city has a total of 26 Police Stations. Founder of GSS Yoga Foundation, D. Srihari assured the support of the organisations.

B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels and others were present.

DL issue campaign at Exhibition Grounds

Mysuru, Sept.15- With the Union Government removing minimum education qualification for obtaining Driving Licence (DL), Bharat Informal Workers Initiative (BHIWI) will organise DL drive at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city on Sept.17.

BHIWI president and MLA S.A. Ramdas said that the initiative was being taken up in association with the Regional Transport Office. The RTO authorities will issue DL and LLR to eligible persons on the occasion. On Sept. 1, the Union government removed the minimum education qualification for obtaining driving licence.

Ramdas said that as per a survey as many as 67 lakh people across the country were driving vehicles without driving licence on account of the rider on possessing minimum education qualification for obtaining licence. As per the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, those aspiring to obtain driving licence for heavy vehicles should have at least passed class 8. Now, no education qualification is required to obtain DL. Ramdas said, BHIWI had organised several campaigns in Srinagar, Delhi, Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka demanding the Union government to remove the condition of education qualification.

Deputy Chief Minister, also Transport Minister Laxman Savadi will inaugurate the drive at 12 noon on Sept.17. District Minister V. Somanna, MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and Managing Trustee of the Adamya Chetana Foundation, Tejaswini Ananth Kumar and others will be present.

Over 4,000 cases disposed of in district at Lok Adalat

Mysuru, Sept.15 (PM&DM)- A total of 4,109 cases were disposed of at the day-long National Lok Adalat for quick settlement of pending cases held at the two Court complexes in city and across all taluk centre in the district on Saturday.

A total of 12,162 cases were taken up for hearing, which included pending civil and criminal cases involving motor accident claims, matrimonial disputes, land acquisition cases, service benefit disputes, Bank recovery suits, labour disputes, cheque bounce cases and electricity & water bill disputes.

Out of the 12,162 cases, 245 bank recovery suits, 591 criminal compoundable offence cases, six labour disputes, 139 motor vehicle accident cases, 25 matrimonial disputes, 400 cheque bounce cases, 691 civil cases and 2,012 other cases were settled through 51 sittings.

Saturday's Lok Adalat succeeded in settling claims totalling Rs.31.65 crore, beating the claims settled (Rs.21.23 crore) at the previous Adalat held on July 13.

Saturday's National Lok Adalat, jointly organised by Karnataka Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), was witness to 15 differing couples getting re-united.

Out of the 25 matrimonial dispute cases that came up for hearing, 15 cases were settled as the couples agreed to re-unite after forgetting their differences.

Principal District and Sessions Judge S.K. Vontigodi, who is also the DLSA Chairman, gave some advice to the re-united couples and wished them a happy life.

All the re-united couples were presented with bouquets and blessed at a simple ceremony held in the Court premises, in which Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane, Principal Family Court Judge Shanti Yadav, Judge N.S. Patil and other Judges were present.

The Fourth and the last National Lok Adalat this year will be held on Dec.14.

After deluge, Kodagu faces the brunt of rolling boulders

Madikeri, Sept.15- Even as Kodagu is yet to recover from the natural disaster which struck the district for two consecutive years, the lush green district is now facing a new problem, with large-sized boulders rolling down from the hills.

Following heavy rains, a large sized boulder rolled down from Kolikallu hillock at Peraje village a couple of days ago.

The rolling down of boulder has scared the villagers, as it is for the first time that they have been witness to such an incident.

Last year, the tremors around Subramanya forest range had led to huge landslides at Jodupala, resulting in many causalities.

At the same time, a major landslide occurred at Bangarakodi area of Kallu Betta. This year, Thora village along Kerala border and Bhagamandala area faced the fury of rain deluge, with a major landslide occurring at Thora, taking out the lives of nearly 10 people. Also, wide and deep cracks (chasms) have developed on hillocks of Brahmagiri hill range.

One side of Kolikallu hillock is partly covered by boulders and the first boulder started rolling down from an area called 'Koppa-rige Gudde.' Thereafter, boulders also rolled down from Kundadu Chamakaje too, according to the villagers.

As a natural water stream flows at the foot of the hill, the villagers could not hear the sound of the falling boulder due to the roaring sound of the flowing stream. But the people living on the other side of the hillock, heard the sound, following which they rushed to the spot, when they discovered that large boulders had rolled down from the hillock. As the surface of the boulders was flat, there was not much damage. The boulders are said to have rolled down, cutting through plants and bushes, thus causing concern among local residents.

But as of now, the only relief for villagers is that the boulders have stopped at the bottom of trees.

The locals have urged the Mines & Geology and Forest Department officials to visit the spot and find out the reasons for the sliding of boulders from the hillocks and take necessary measures to prevent any further damages.

Civil Judge felicitated

City's renowned Advocate S. Arunkumar of Pragabhi Law Associates, Mysuru, felicitated M. Chandini who has been selected as Civil Judge (Junior Grade) in Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Division having got through in the competitive examination. Chandini was earlier working as a junior with Arunkumar.

ACB Police to receive public complaints from Sept.17

Mysuru, Sept.15 (US)- Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Police will hear to the grievances of people regarding corruption and inordinate delays in the Government offices from Sept.17 to 23 as per the following schedule:

Sept.17: 11 am to 1.30 pm - Inspection Bungalow (IB), Hunsur; 3 pm to 4.30 pm - Hanagudu Gram Panchayat, Hunsur.

Sept.18: 11 am to 1.30 pm - IB, Periyapatna; 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm - Bettadapura GP office, Periyapatna.

Sept.19: 11 am to 12.30 pm - Saligrama GP office, K.R. Nagar; 2 pm to 3.30 pm - IB, K.R. Nagar.

Sept.20: 11.30 am to 1 pm - IB, H.D. Kote; 3 pm to 4.30 pm - IB, Saragur.

Sept.21: 11.30 am to 1.30 pm - IB, Nanjangud; 3 pm to 4.30 pm - Kavalande GP office, Nanjangud.

Sept.23: 11.30 am to 1.30 pm - IB, T. Narasipur; 3 pm to 4.30 pm - IB, Bannur, T. Narasipur.

Maharani's Arts College students stage protest

Mysuru, Sept.15- Fuming over various concerns related to their college canteen, the students of Maharani's Arts College for Women staged an instant protest on Sept.13.

The cost of the food available in the canteen is too high for hundreds of students coming from rural areas who are dependent on college canteen for their breakfast and meals and also the cleanliness is a major issue, they alleged.

Later, President of the College Development Committee, MLA L. Nagendra, who arrived at the scene, took the canteen contractors to task and ordered to close the canteen with immediate effect as the whole canteen premises was found to be untidy and messy.

MLA Nagendra also spoke to Education Department officials over the phone and instructed them to build college compound for safety of the students.

At the same time, MCC officials who were present promised to take action against those contractors who were maintaining the canteen.

Following assurance from the elected representative and concerned officials, agitating students called off the strike.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, MCC Health Officer Jayanth, District Health and Family Welfare Department Officer Venkatesh, Principal Vijay Kumar, teaching staff and students were present on the occasion.

Court extends ED custody of Shivakumar till Sept.17

New Delhi/ Bengaluru, Sept.15- In a setback to senior Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar, a Delhi Court on Friday extended his custodial interrogation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) till Sept.17, in connection with a money laundering case. Hearing on his bail plea too was adjourned to Tuesday.

Shivakumar, the sitting Congress MLA from Kanakapura, was arrested by the ED, when he appeared before it for questioning on Sept.3. Shivakumar was produced at the Rouse Avenue Court on Friday evening after the expiry of the ED's nine-day remand.

Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar allowed the ED's plea seeking extension of Shivakumar's custody, after the agency claimed that Shivakumar had been evasive and gave irrelevant answers besides taking several brakes on the grounds of tiredness during the nine-day questioning.

Burglar arrested: Articles worth Rs.4 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Sept.15- The CCB Police, who arrested a burglar, have recovered stolen articles, including gold jewellery, totally worth Rs.4 lakh from him.

K.C. Ashok, 30, of Naladi village, Kakkabbe Post in Madikeri taluk of Kodagu district, is the one who is arrested.

Acting on a tip off, the CCB sleuths picked up Ashok when he was moving about in a suspicious manner carrying a bag near Muthoot Fincorp in Surya Bakery Main Road in Vijayanagar Second Stage on Sept.12.

During interrogation, he confessed to have committed burglary at Kannangala, Gokla Siddapura and Kadanga Maroor villages in Virajpet taluk, following which 90 gms of gold jewellery, a gun, a Peecha Katti, silver articles and brass idols, totally worth Rs.4 lakh, were recovered from him.

Obituary

V. Varghese

Mysuru, Sept.15- V. Varghese (72), a resident of R.T. Nagar, passed away on Sept.13.

He is survived by his wife Susan Varghese, sons Nishan and Vivin, daughter-in-law Litty Rachel and granddaughter Eva Nishan.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow (Sept.16) at 10 am at the residence and at 11 am at Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Vishveshwaranagar and at Benson Christian Cemetery at 12 noon.

G. Nagaraj Bhagavathar

Nanjangud: Centenarian G. Nagaraj Bhagavathar (106), a former priest of Srikanteshwara Temple in the town, passed away here this morning.

A resident of Kayi Angadi Street in Nanjangud town, he leaves behind three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

He was an associate of Thespian Dr. Rajkumar for many decades and the late actor used to visit him whenever he came to Nanjangud. He was also a musician.

Last rites will be performed at Harishchandra Ghat on the banks of River Kapila in the town later this evening.

Made to order: 18,000 bulbs to illuminate Mysore Palace this Dasara

Mysuru, Sept.15 (MTY&NNN)- About 18,000 specially-ordered incandescent bulbs will be replacing the defunct bulbs at the Mysore Palace. The orders have been placed with manufacturers in Delhi and Hyderabad and these bulbs made especially for the illumination during this Dasara has threads in them.

"Every year we order for 20,000 bulbs during Dasara so that we can replace them with the defunct bulbs. The Palace staff themselves will replace most of the bulbs, while only a few adorning the cupola (gopura) will be replaced by experts using crane for which tenders will be called for," said Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, yesterday.

The orders had been placed with two bulb manufacturing companies that produce incandescent bulbs and the replacement work will be completed within ten days, he said.

The staff replacing the defunct bulbs at the Mysore Palace yesterday.

Some of the non-functioning bulbs in the chandeliers in the iconic Durbar Hall of the Mysore Palace will also be replaced, besides the ones at Jayamarthanda Gate and other Gates. The Gates and walls will all be painted as many of them have been discoloured with pigeon droppings, he said.

The main purpose to replace the bulbs which are nearly one lakh in all, is to enhance the beauty of the Mysore Palace and that is the main focus of the Palace Board. The Palace has always been known for its magnificent illumination which turns the whole place into a fairyland. The visitors are filled with awe the moment the lights of the Palace are switched on and it never fails to evoke that feeling even if one sees the illumination a hundred times, said Subramanya.

Asked why the incandescent bulbs only were being used instead of LED bulbs, he said that the latter does not have the same golden glow, as the ordinary 15 watt bulbs. Besides, the LED bulbs produce a shadow and hence it is not used.

There are three transformers which keep the bulbs glowing. During Dasara, the Palace will be illuminated on all the ten days. Every month the electricity bill is about Rs.9 lakh, he added.

Rs. 5.7 crore worth Dasara civil works begin in a jiffy

MCC staff clearing grass and planting saplings on the medians.

An engineer overseeing the work as workers spread jelly on the road near Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad.

Workers plucking weeds on the footpath near FTS Circle.

Mysuru, Sept.15 (RK&NNN)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has begun the civil works worth Rs. 5.7 crore as part of Dasara at various places in the city, in a hurried manner.

Even though dues of last year's Dasara to the tune of crores are pending to be paid to the contractors, MCC based on the assurance given by District in-charge Minister V. Somanna that dues will be cleared, has called for tenders and quietly directed the contractors to commence the work.

The work order has been issued with the condition that the work that commenced must be completed within 15 days or latest by Sept.30. A few of them have started work from Thursday itself, said MCC Executive Engineer B. Nagaraju.

In Bannimantap-Hudco Layout, earth work worth Rs. 40 lakh has begun and MCC Commissioner Gurudutt Hegde inspected the works recently.

The road near Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad is being asphalted and painting of curb stones and other civil works have commenced (Rs.35 lakh), Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road lane painting (Rs.12 lakh), filling of potholes in and around Ballal Circle (Rs.5 lakh), the road from Ballal Circle to Chamundipuram Circle on JLB Road (Rs.5 lakh), asphalting of road near Chamundipuram Circle (Rs.11 lakh) and including repair of small roads connecting Irwin Road, all put together worth Rs. 5.7 crore, is going on briskly.

Besides, under the 14th Finance Committee grant the work on all the major roads to be completed by Sept.30 has been going on at a fast pace.

The civil works going on under the supervision of engineers including that of the Zonal Office-1's Bharat, 6's Nagaraj and 7's Srinivas. Executive Engineer Nagaraju is visiting the spots and inspecting the works. The respective ward Corporators are launching the works.

Pregnant 'Varalakshmi' not to take part in *Jumboo Savari*

To be fed with nutritious food for another week before sending to forest camp

Mysuru, Sept.15 (MTY& NNN)- After the Dasara elephant 'Eshwara' episode, the Forest Department is now grappling with a new problem as it has found that another Dasara elephant 'Varalakshmi' which is being trained to participate in *Jumboo Savari,* is now in pregnancy stage.

Hence, it did not participate in the cannon drill rehearsal held recently and it is almost certain now that it is not going to participate in the *Jumboo Savari.* It will be fed with nutritious food for another week and sent back to the forest camp from where it was brought.

The elephants have long gestation period of about 18 months and 63-year-old Varalakshmi, which is nearly ten months pregnant, however, is in good health.

The pregnant elephants, it is said, walk for nearly 30 km to 40 kms in the forest and hence it is not new for Varalakshmi to exercise on the Dasara procession route with Mahout J.K. Ravi and Kavadi Mahadeva looking after it.

It is also being fed a special diet like other elephants and the calf in the womb will also benefit from this special, nutritious food, said Veterinarian Dr. D. N. Nagaraj, speaking to *Star of Mysore*.

"But it is not allowed to carry any weight. Special care is being given to Varalakshmi once we came to know it is about ten months pregnant," he said.

Deputy Conservator of Forests M.G. Alexander said that Varalakshmi is being given special diet and it is being properly looked after. "As we are concerned about its health, we will send it back after a week."

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Varalakshmi is 2.46 metres tall, and 3.34 metres wide. It is a very gentle elephant that was captured in the Kakanakote Forest in 1977 and is in the Mathigodu elephant camp. It has been participating in Dasara procession since the last ten years.

There are records to show that pregnant elephants have participated in the Dasara procession before. It may be recalled that Elephants Durgaparameshwari, Sarala and Chaitra have all been part of the *Jumboo Savari* and soon after returning to the camps they have given birth to calves.

Do not honk

The Forest Department officials have urged the motorists not to honk while Dasara elephants are on their rehearsal rounds on the *Jumboo Savari* route.

This caution has been given to the public as it was found that on Tuesday last when the rehearsal was going on and the elephants were passing by City Bus Stand, a few of the two-wheeler riders blew the horn loudly disturbing them. As a result, including Arjuna, the howdah elephant and three other elephants just turned sideways and stood. This caused a tense situation for a few moments.

The Forest Department officials have asked the Traffic Police not to allow the vehicles while the elephants pass from Chamaraja Circle to K.R. Circle. The vehicle riders on both sides of Sayyaji Road from K.R. Circle to Bannimantap have also been asked not to blow the horns and cooperate.

District Minister leaves decision to Forest officials

Meanwhile, District in-charge Minister V. Somanna had called a meeting of Forest Department officials to discuss about the participation of new elephants in Dasara procession.

The Officers informed the Minister that it was very important to bring new elephants to Dasara and introduce them to the crowd so that they will adjust to it and behave properly. Besides, the howdah carrying elephants should also be identified early and trained, as for instance Arjuna, which will be carrying the howdah, will turn 60 next year.

The elephants that need to replace him have to be trained at least for three to four years before they are allowed to carry the howdah, they explained and as a result, Abhimanyu who is 53-years-old, is being trained now. The other elephant that is already identified is Eshwara (it may be recalled that he had shown signs of panic recently) who is participating in the Dasara procession this year for the first time.

Somanna after listening to the authorities told them that he would not interfere in their decision as they were experts but all that he was expecting from them was to see that the elephants do not create any problem to the public during the *Jumboo Savari.* DCF Alexander, Bandipur Conservator of Forests T. Balachandra, DCF Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar and others participated in the meeting.

Yuva Sambhrama: Traffic restrictions on Open Air Theatre Road

Ban will be enforced from Sept. 17 to 24 between 3 pm and 11 pm

Mysuru, Sept. 15 (SPN& NNN)- The traffic ban on Open Air Theatre Road will be enforced from Sept.17 to 24 between 3 pm and 11 pm as 'Yuva Sambhrama' is being organised as part of Dasara, said Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna.

Alternative route: Traffic that moves on Hunsur Road and takes a turn at the traffic junction to enter the Open Air Theatre Road has to take a right turn to the west at the Senate Bhavan and enter Mansagangothri campus and then move towards Bogadi Road.

The vehicles coming from Bogadi Road side that want to pass through Open Air Theatre Road to enter Hunsur Road, have to pass the junction at Open Air Theatre Road and move straight on Bogadi Road, take a right turn at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing junction and move on Chaduranga Road, take a turn at Hunsur Road junction.

Vehicle Parking: Parking arrangements for four-wheelers have been made at the vacant space near the Cricket Grounds and all type of vehicles can be parked at the Village Hostel Grounds on Bogadi Road. The Police Commissioner in the statement has urged the public to park their two-wheelers on the south side of Open Air Theatre in the vacant grounds.

Mane-Mane Dasara

to be launched in KR Constituency from September 22

Mysuru, Sept. 15 (SBD& DM)- MLA S.A. Ramdas has said that Mane-Mane Dasara will be held in K.R. Constituency from Sept. 22 to 27.

Addressing a meeting of MCC Corporators coming under K.R. Assembly segment at MCC Hall here recently, Ramdas directed the Corporators to hold Mane-Mane Dasara in all the 19 Wards.

Asking the Corporators to chalk out programmes in consultation with the concerned Revenue Inspectors and Engineers, Ramdas said that pamphlets that explain the programmes concerning Mane-Mane Dasara must be distributed to all households in the Assembly segment.

Instructing to conduct competitions such as Rangoli, Running Race, Yoga, Painting, Games etc., Ramdas said that there will be separate contests for men and women and there will be three prizes in each category.

Pointing out that the District in-charge Minister has assured of releasing Rs. 1.50 lakh for Dasara to every MCC ward, Ramdas called for support from sponsors and the involvement of every citizen in the grand event.

Corporators B.V. Manjunath, Shivakumar, Sunanda Palanetra, Ramesh, Begum Pallavi, Shobha, M.V. Ramprasad and other Corporators were present at the meeting.

Town Hall parking opens for Dasara

Rs. 10 for two-wheelers, Rs. 20 for cars, Rs. 30 for light passenger vehicles; No restrictions of parking time

Mysuru, Sept. 15 (MTY&DM)- In a bid to end vehicle parking woes during Dasara — when tourists across the country and the globe are expected to visit the city — the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has temporarily opened the parking facility in Town Hall premises yesterday.

The decision to open the parking lot has provided a relief to many commuters who were otherwise struggling to park their vehicles in the Central Business District in the absence of parking on the main roads that are usually occupied by shopkeepers and shoppers.

The Town Hall has three parking lots — multi-level parking lot, the open space facing HOPCOMS and the open space facing Gandhi Square.

While the multi-level parking lot can accommodate 800 cars, the open space facing HOPCOMS can accommodate 600 cars and two-wheelers and the open space facing Gandhi Square can accommodate 150 cars, 50 Light Passenger Vehicles (LPVs) including TTs (Tempo Travellers,) and two wheelers.

The parking facility, which is a temporary one, will be open till December and may also be extended to January, if required.

The MCC had invited tenders for operating the parking facility about a fortnight ago and one Pradeesh, a resident of Agrahara in city is the successful bidder.

The Town Hall has two gates — one for entry and the other for exit of vehicles.

The MCC has stipulated the parking fee for two-wheelers at Rs.10, for cars Rs.20 and for LPVs Rs.30. There are no restrictions of time.

With the opening of parking facility at Town Hall, the practice of allowing vehicles to park around the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple has been discontinued. This place is now open for tourists, tongawallas and other street vendors to sell their wares. Tongawallas who used to complain that their business is hit due to parking of vehicles can now attract more and more tourists to see the illuminated city.

The MCC floated tenders to operate and maintain the multi-level parking lot as it is difficult for it to prevent vehicle thefts and maintain and operate the parking facility due to skeletal staff. Instructions have been given to contractor to ensure security of vehicles and depute enough staff to maintain and operate the parking lot.

Pre-wedding photo-shoot

A pre-wedding photo-shoot held in front of the Mysore Palace last week. This is a popular spot for such shoots.

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As the shooting progressed, two to three persons blocked the two-way road and early morning commuters were perplexed to see that their vehicles were stopped on the middle of the road and there was no traffic signal. The photo-shoot team blocked the road frequently and whenever traffic piled up, they used to let go the vehicles.

Several commuters called *Star of Mysore* office to complain about the traffic blockade. They said that even an ambulance that was rushing to shift a patient from a hospital was stopped for 10 minutes. When some car passengers got down from their vehicles to question the shooting crew about the purpose of traffic block, the crew reportedly told them arrogantly that they have permission from Devaraja Garuda team.

"The photo shoot crew took the name of a **Head Constable attached to the Devaraja Police Garuda team**. This is sheer arrogance and abuse of power. How can the Police permit this? This is unacceptable," a commuter told *SOM*. Sources said the photo-shoot crew and the couple were from Bengaluru and the crew had charged the couple more than Rs. 25,000 for the shoot.

Mysuru is witnessing a lot of pre-wedding photo shoots these days and the area in front of the Mysore Palace is one such location where shootings are held as thousands of pigeons fly. This location does not, however, block traffic as it is an open area.

Criminal cases will be filed

Reacting on this morning's photo-shoot near the Town Hall, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) B.T. Kavitha told *Star of Mysore* that the incident has come to her notice and action will be taken against the group.

B.T. Kavitha

"Nobody has the authority to block traffic and the Police do not give permission to such things. I have directed Devaraja Traffic Inspector Sooraj to book criminal cases against the people involved in the incident. We will take footages from CCTVs to identify the violators and even we have got their photographs sent by the public," she said. On the allegation that Devaraja Garuda Head Constable had given permission illegally, the DCP said that Inspector Sooraj will look into this issue also. "I have asked the Inspector to verify facts submit me a report," she added.

Nagappan takes over as UPASI President

Coonoor, Sept. 15- Al Rm. Nagappan has been elected as the President of United Planters Association of Southern India (UPASI) for the year 2019-20.

Nagappan

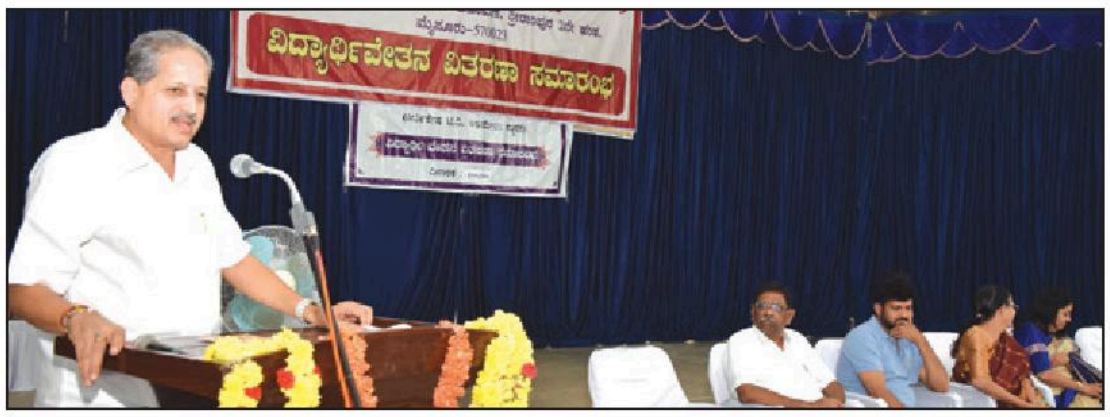
A coffee planter by profession, he manages the family business of Karrie Kollie Estate at Suntikoppa in Kodagu. Nagappan was elected at the 126th Annual Conference of the Association held in Coonoor in Nilgiris district.

Nagappan has been in the coffee industry from 1982 and has rich experience in planting industry. His involvement with the planting association has been longstanding. He is an avid sportsman, with Golf being one of his passions.

Nagappan was associated with the Mercara Downs Golf Club for many years as Hon Secretary. He served in Karnataka Golf Association in various capacities and went on to become the President of the Karnataka Golf Association

Prashant Bhansali, CEO of Kairbetta Estates, a family-run tea plantation and an orthodox tea manufacturer, was elected as the Vice-President.

Mysuru origin US doctor distributes scholarships to students



Mysuru, Sept.15 (RKB&US)- Sri Hulagadri Trust had organised a programme at the NIE Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex on Manandavadi Road here this morning for the distribution of T.V. Alamelu Memorial Scholarships to meritorious students, instituted by Dr. Meera V. Nathan, a renowned doctor from USA hailing from Mysuru.

Scholarship were given to about 600 students.

Retried Director, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dr. Geetha K. Avadhani, inaugurating the programme, commended Dr. Meera, who graduated in Mysuru, for the philanthropic gesture in encouraging students to pursue career.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Pratap Simha observed that the youth today treat movie stars as their icons and not sports persons. He disclosed that Yuva Dasara would be inaugurated by World Badminton Champion P.V. Sindhu to give due credit to achieving sports persons instead of traditional inauguration by film artistes. He contended that the credit of tourist attraction to city should go to the Maharajas basically as they kept art and culture at supreme place coupled with good planning. He also paid rich tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya, today being Sir MV's birth anniversary commemorated as Engineers Day.

The MP further said that it is proposed to establish a Multipurpose Studio in city on the lines of Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad and also a Logistics Park.

MLA U.B. Venkatesh, Adarsha Seva Sangha President and Hulagadri Trust Managing Trustee G.R. Nagaraj, Honorary Secretary R. Ramakrishna, former NIE Professor K.S. Chandrashekar, Dr. Meera V. Nathan and others were present.

'Yoga Dasara' under Fit India concept to have new inclusions

Mysuru, Sept.15 (MK&US)- Yoga Dasara will be inaugurated on Sept.30 and will go on till Oct.6 featuring various programmes centred around yoga and 'Fit India' concept.

Yoga Dance-Drama: After the inauguration of Yuva Dasara on Sept.30 at 5 pm at Oval Grounds here, over five troupes would present a yoga dance drama.

Yoga Vahini: For the first time, a yoga camp for media personnel (both print and electronic) has been organised on Oct.1 from 8 am to 9 am at Sougandhika Park in Kuvempunagar.

Yoga Sambhrama: Yoga Sambhrama is organised on Oct.2 from 6 am to 8 am at Palace premises here featuring mass yoga performance by leaders of all religions.

Yoga Contest: A State-level Yoga Contest is organised on Oct.2 from 9 am to 5 pm at P. Kalinga Rao auditorium in Dasara Exhibition Grounds with participants in the age group of 8 to 55 years.

Yoga Chain: School and College students will form a yoga chain on Oct.4 at Palace premises here from 9 am to 11 am.

Swachh Sarvekshan Yoga: A yoga camp for Pourakarmikas is organised on Oct.4 at Sougandhika Park in Kuvempunagar.

Yoga Trek and Durga Namaskara: Yoga performers would climb the steps to Chamundi Hill on Oct.6 at 6 am and perform Yogasanas at the hill top.

Yoga Dasara Sub-Committee Deputy Special Officer K. Ramya says that this year's yoga Dasara has new features to promote yoga.

'The Mysore Race Club Trophy' in Pune

Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao, Chairman, Mysore Race Club (MRC), seen presenting 'The Mysore Race Club Trophy' to Kishore P. Rungta, owner of Vulcan (Co-owners: Mr. & Mrs. Hoosain S. Nensey), which won the event at RWITC in Pune yesterday. Others seen are MRC Chief Stipendiary Steward K.G. Ananth Raj Urs and Pune Race Course Representatives.

Vehicle owners scurry to get emission certificates

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People are queuing up at the centres from 9 am to 6.30 pm and each centre checks a minimum of 600 vehicles per day including two-wheelers and four-wheelers. And each person has to wait for more than one hour to get his vehicle checked.

Rush for certificates

"Earlier, we used to get only 5-10 vehicles, including four-wheelers, a day for the emission test. But for the past four days, we have been issuing more than 500 certificates. The big fine amount has created a fear among motorists. Every emission testing centre is crowded with vehicles waiting in queues," said Mubarak Pasha of an emission centre on Sayyaji Rao Road.

A PUC test involves checking for air pollutants emitted by vehicles, such as carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. The validity of the certificate is one year for BS IV vehicles and six months for others.

Another person who owns an emission testing centre said that the cost of the test is low, but still people were refusing to get it done. "It is only when the new rules came into force that the motorists realised that it's important," he said.

Test rates hiked

Even the test fee has gone up now. A diesel car is being charged Rs. 140 from the earlier Rs. 100, petrol car from Rs. 60 to Rs. 100, two-wheelers from Rs. 30 to Rs. 60 and autos are being charged Rs. 80 from the earlier Rs. 50.

While the Police are happy that the new fines will help them crack down on vehicles that are emitting carbon beyond the permissible limits, people are not happy over sudden implementation. Kunder, a hotel owner told Star of Mysore that the rule has been enforced without giving any breathing time for the vehicle owners. "At least, more emission centres or points could have been opened before the rule was implemented. Motorists are leaving all their work behind and running behind the centres," he lamented.

Check government vehicles first

President of Mysuru City Driving School Owners' Association **M. Anand Kumar** said that first, all the government vehicles must be checked. Many of the KSRTC buses, Police and Government Department vehicles, vehicles used by Mysuru City Corporation Staff, CESC employees and officers are more than 15 years old and are highly polluting. All these vehicles must be phased out," he opined.

An employee at a testing centre in Vijayanagar said, "Till last month, we would sit idle in our cabin with a few vehicles coming in. Now there's no time to eat lunch." After closing time, vehicles that are still in queue have to come back the following day to queue again, and there is a first-come-first-served policy, he added.

Ph.D awardee

Mysuru, Sept. 15- **M. Vasanthkumar** has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM)for his thesis *'Vijayanagara Kaladalli Nayakara Alvike: Tamilu Pradeshada Ondu Adhayana (1500-1700)'* submitted under the guidance of Dr. Y.H. Nayakawadi.

G.M. Sowmya has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis *'Kannada Kaivallya Sahityadalli Stree Chitrana'* [Guide: Dr. Mylahally Revanna].

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Pages from History

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Saint Nijaguna Shivayogi

From time immemorial our country is famous for Saints of various religious denominations. To them these denominations did not matter because they were all speaking the same language incorporating the good of the society, which is generally known by the broad name *Dharma*. Under this background, we have to understand the life and teachings of Saint Nijaguna Shivayogi.

As is the case with most of our Saints, the authentic details of the early life of Nijaguna Shivayogi are not known. It is said that he was a chief of the area known as Shambhulinga Hill situated in Kollegal taluk. The Hill is also known as Chilakavadi and is about 6 kms from Kollegal town. As a chief of this area, Nijaguna ruled over this Chiefdom in a dharmic way and the subjects admired him and hailed him as an ideal Chief.

After years of administration, Nijaguna felt that the Chiefdom he was ruling was temporary and can be taken away by another enemy chief. This realisation made him think of a state of permanent nature. He left the Chiefdom and all the luxury of it and became a Saint and did meditation on the Shambhulinga Hill. After a couple of years of meditation, he got the enlightenment under the guidance of his Guru Shambhulinga Swamy and became famous as a Saint subsequently.

Mini-Shaiva University

According to another version, Nijaguna belonged to Sonda or Swadi kingdom. This area was famous for devotion to Shaivism as testified to by many Shaiva temples and Shaiva Mutts of great antiquity. In fact, many Shaiva Saints migrated to this kingdom to practice their religion without any hindrance because it provided a congenial atmosphere for them. In that area there was a town called Budikeripattana. This Mutt had Sri Bhujangaswamy as its head. He was well-versed in Shaiva philosophy. Daily there used to be discourses and discussions. It almost looked like a mini-Shaiva University during its heydays.

It was the desire of young Nijaguna to join this Ashrama and take guidance from this great Saint and also serve the Ashrama. When Nijaguna approached

the great Swamiji, he did not permit him to the Mutt without ascertaining whether he is fit or not. As Nijaguna was a Chief, can he adapt himself to the rigorous way of life of a monk leaving aside all the luxuries of this world. Though he was a Chief he was asked to serve the Mutt as a servant by washing clothes and cleaning the vessels. Nijaguna performed all these errands in the spirit of 'work is worship' and the Swamiji was pleased and thought that Nijaguna is fit to be ordained as a monk. He finished his education there to the satisfaction of the Swamiji and requested permission to return to his place to serve them. With the blessings of the Swamiji, Nijaguna returned to the town of Shambhulingapattana and began his normal life.

Demoness trouble

There was a demoness in that hill-town who was tormenting the good people there. She began troubling Nijaguna also. One day she came to Nijaguna and began troubling him. As Nijaguna was in the middle of the worship of Shiva, he requested her to wait till he finished the worship. Thus she troubled Nijaguna for over fifteen years and ultimately she thought that she could no longer disturb him. Finally, she was permitted to live on the slope of the Shambhulinga Hill. Devotees even today visit her in the Durgimantapa where she last resided.

In the meantime, he met another Veerasaiva Saint Muppina Shadakshari and both of them went to meet their preceptor. People laughed at Nijaguna and taunted and gave him molten iron and asked him to drink it. Nijaguna gulped it as if it was fruit juice. People got scared and apologised to him. Then in the night he halted in a cave and asked a tiger there to keep a watch. During this period he began preaching the tenets of Shaiva Philosophy. Thinking that his aim and purpose were fulfilled, he entered into Shivayoga Samadhi and became one with the eternal.

His works

Saint Nijaguna wrote many works in Sanskrit and Kannada explaining the devotion to Shiva and ethical principles of life. His two Sanskrit works by name *Darshanasara* and *Atmataraka Chintamani* are not available. However, his seven Kannada works such as *Kaivalya Paddhatir, Anubhavasara, Vivekachintamani, Paramarthageethe* etc., that are fortunately available throw great light on his religious teaching and are considered of seminal importance for Veerasaivism. The idols of the Saints of this tradition can be seen in the Nanjundeswara temple at Nanjangud also.

The teachings of Nijaguna are simple. In fact, Vedantic philosophy which most people cannot understand has been simplified and couched in simple language so that people can follow it. Mind is most important for the human beings and hence this has to be kept pure like a crystal. In the pursuit of luxuries, man is going in a tangent way to the divinity. Unless you go closer to the divinity, you cannot improve yourself or serve the society. Hence to achieve this goal, one should not or need not go to the forest, but it can be achieved in the midst of the people. Thus mind should be harnessed first. Hence, prayers are required to stop this wandering of the mind.

This is not easy. Our ancient teachers experimented with all these practices and realised the truth and have given us their fruits of labour. In this context, it can be called Shivayoga though it is philosophical in nature. Common men require a symbol and hence Shivalinga is recommended. The work *Paramartha Prakashike* deals with yoga. His other work *Anubhavasara* gives us in a simple language the gist of ten Upanishads in Kannada. The work *Paramanubhavabodhe* deals with the conversation between Yajnavalkya and Maitreyi. From all these qualities of head and heart, Nijaguna Shivayogi has become closer to us. People who are interested to know more about this Saint should read the book *Nijaguna Shivayogi* written by a great scholar H. Gangadharan, Mysore University, Prasaranga Publication, No.149, II edition 1992. This note is based upon this book.

8th Cross Heritage Music Festival concludes

Vid. Heramba and Vid. Hemantha presenting a Flute Duet on the concluding day of 58th Heritage Music Festival with Ganeshotsava organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, yesterday. They were supported by Vid. Nagai Sriram on violin, Vid. Akshay Anand on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata.

Vid. T.M. Krishna performing at 8th Cross Music Fest on Sept.13 accompanied by Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin, Vid. N.C. Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vid. Purushottam on kanjira.

Vid. Saketharaman presenting a vocal concert at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, on Sept.12. He was accompanied by Vid. B.U. Ganesh Prasad on violin, Dr. Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman on mridanga and Vid. Purushottam on kanjira.

Seminar on Vivekananda's Chicago Address from Sept.20

Mysuru, Sept.15(DM)- Marking the conclusion of the year- long celebrations of the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Yadavagiri, in collaboration with University of Mysore (UoM), will be organising a two-day National seminar on the monk's famous speech at the Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Sept.20 and 21.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will inaugurate the seminar at 10 am on Sept.20 in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Ramakrishna's Ashrama's Swami Muktidanandaji.

The two-day event features lecture sessions by eminent personalities.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar will deliver a talk at the valedictory function to take place from 2.15 pm on Sept.21. Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Swami Muktidanandaji and others will be present.

Winners of Bharath Tennis Express Junior's Open AITA National Series

Winners in the Bharath Tennis Express Junior's Open AITA National Series played at MTC yesterday. Seen are (from left) Jaishnav Bhajirao Shinde (Runner-up - Boys U-14 Singles), R.S. Rethin Pranav (Winner - Boys U-14 Singles), Bharath Paul Singh (Organiser), Riya Sacdeva (Runner-up - Girls U-14 Singles) and Maahi Deval Shah (Winner - Girls U-14 Singles).

Mysuru, Sept.15- Top-seed R.S. Rethin Pranav of Tamil Nadu and fifteenth seeded Maahi Deval Shah of Gujarat bagged the top honours by clinching the Boys and Girls U-14 Singles titles on the final day of the Bharath Tennis Express Junior's Open AITA National Series played at MTC courts here yesterday.

In the Boys U-14 Singles final, Rethin Pranav came back fighting after losing the first set to beat third seeded Jaishnav Bhajirao Shinde of Maharashtra 6-7(2), 7-5, 6-2 and clinched the title.

In the Girls U-14 Singles final, fifteenth seeded Maahi Deval Shah of Gujarat continued her fine run in the tournament by shocking the top-seed Riya Sacdeva of Delhi 7-6(4), 6-3 and bagged the coveted title.

RESULTS

U-14 Finals

Boys: R.S. Rethin Pranav bt Jaishnav Bhajirao Shinde 6-7(2), 7-5, 6-2. **Girls:** Maahi Deval Shah bt Riya Sacdeva 7-6(4), 6-3.

South Africa 'A' tour of India

City to play host for 2nd unofficial Test

Mysuru, Sept.15 (VNS)- After the KPL-2019 extravaganza, it's time for some more cricket carnival as Mysuru will play host to the second unofficial Test match between India 'A' and South Africa 'A' teams to be played at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri from Sept.17 to 20.

The match will feature some of the most talented and emerging players from both the sides including Shubman Gill, who is all set to make his Test debut for Indian against the touring South Africa side, K. Goutham and Karun Nair of Karnataka, Vijay Shankar and A. Easwaran, just to name a few. Meanwhile, players like Aiden Markram, Lungi Ngidi, Klaasen are some of the players to watch out for in the South African team.

In the first of the two unofficial Test match series played at Thiruvananthapuram, India 'A' had beaten South Africa 'A' by seven wickets.

The second match at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in city will start at 9.30 am on Day 1. The entry for public is free and the KSCA Mysuru Zone has made sufficient arrangements for public to watch the game with ease.

THE SQUAD

India 'A': Wriddhiman Saha (C & WK), Umesh Yadav, Shahbaz Nadeem, Vijay Shankar, Karun Nair, Kuldeep Yadav, Priyank Panchal, Krishnappa Gowtham, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Avesh Khan, Mohammed Siraj, Anmolpreet Singh, Shivam Dube and Shubman Gill.

South Africa 'A': Theunis de Bruyn, Dane Piedt, Aiden Markram (C), Lungi Ngidi, Khaya Zondo, Edward Moore, George Linde, Heinrich Klaasen (WK), Zubayr Hamza, Wiaan Mulder, Lutho Sipamla, Senuran Muthusamy, Pieter Malan and Marco Jansen.

State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament

Akash, Niharika bag Sub-Junior titles

Mysuru, Sept.15- K.J. Akash (SKIES) and A. Niharika (MSS) won the titles in the Sub-Junior Boys & Girls sections respectively on the penultimate day of Sri Ghisulal-Salubai Pitliya Memorial Cup 2019 — Karnataka State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament held at the University Gymnasium Hall here yesterday.

K.J. Akash *A. Niharika*

RESULTS

Sub-Junior Singles

Boys — Final: K.J. Akash bt P.V. Srikanth Kashyap (Conceded due to injury during the match); **Semi-finals:** K.J. Akash (SKIES) bt P. Yeshwanth (Pon) 8-11, 11-5, 11-2, 11-9; P.V. Srikanth Kashyap (SKIES) bt Sujan R. Bharadwaj (WIN) 11-8, 11-9, 11-8.

Girls — Final: A. Niharika (MSS) bt Karruna Gajendran (SBT) 13-11, 11-6, 11-8; **Semi-finals:** A. Niharika bt Sahana H. Murthy (WIN) 3-11, 9-11, 11-8, 16-14, 12-10; Karruna Gajendran bt Trupti Purohit (MSS) 11-5, 12-10, 9-11, 9-11,12-10.

South Zone Junior Athletic Championships

Mysuru athletes fare well

Ambika wins Shot-Put Gold with new meet record

Udupi, Sept.15- Mysuru athletes fared well representing Karnataka in the South Zone Junior Athletic Championships 2019 at Udupi yesterday.

Mysuru girl V. Ambika won the gold in the Girls U-20 Shot-Put event with a new meet record of 13.63m at Udupi on Sunday morning.

B. Manush of Mysuru, representing Karnataka, won the gold in the Boys U-20 Shot-Put with a throw of 16.64m. Rahul Kashyap of Mysuru won the silver medal in the same category with a throw of 15.94m.

Sushma won the gold in the Girls U-20 Discus-throw while Likitha Yogesh won bronze in Discus-throw in the Girls U-18 section. Mohit N. Raj of Mysuru won the gold in the Boys U-18 Discus-throw event.

Prize winners of Kodagu Golf Championship

Mysuru, Sept.15- Following are the prize winners of the 18th edition of Kodagu Golf Open Championship-2019 organised by the Association of Kodagu Golfers of JWGC, Mysuru, in memory of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and Gen. K.S. Thimmaiah, recently:

Strokeplay Gross: M.S. Shreyash Chandra (69 Gross) - Winner; Amogh Daijad (71 Gross) - Runner; **Stableford Gross:** V. Prakash (33 Gross) - Winner; Hussein Vagh (32 Gross) - Runner; **Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 to 12):** M. Arjun Ranga (68 Net) - Winner; Dhruv Bopanna (68 Net) - Runner (Better Back 9 Over H.S. Arun Kumar).

Strokeplay Net (H/C 13 to 18): V. Prashanth (63 Net) - Winner; Dr. P.A. Kushalappa (68 Net) - Runner; **Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 18):** T.N. Parthasarathi (39 Points) - Winner; K. Krishne Gowda (39 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 19 to 24): Vasanth Kumar (40 Points) - Winner; Brig. N.N. Madappa (39 Points) - Runner; **Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Seniors 65 Years and Above:** B.S. Bahaddur (39 Points) - Winner; Dr. M.S. Ranganath (38 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) For Super Seniors 75 Years & Above: C.D. Nagarajan (38 Points) - Winner.

Best Kodagu Golfer - Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24): Wg. Cdr. M.D. Aiyanna (36 Points); **Best Lady Golfer - Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24):** Disha Kaveri (37 Points); **Nearest to Pin (12th Hole):** Lt. Col. K.P. Vijay Kumar (2 Feet 2 Inches); **Longest Drive (9th Hole):** M.S. Shreyash Chandra (330 Yards); **Straightest Drive (5th Hole):** Gayathri Mohan (On the Line).

A total of 237 golfers took part in the Championship.

SWR Mysuru Division pledges for a plastic-free environment

Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru Division, administering the pledge during Swachhta Hi Seva campaign to end single-use plastic.

Mysuru, Sept.15- Pursuant to the directives of the Ministry of Railways, Mysuru Division, South Western Railway (SWR) has organised 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign from Sept.11 to Oct.2 with focus primarily on avoiding single-use plastics or reusing/ recycling plastic in Railway Offices, on-board trains and in the periphery of Railway Stations.

On the opening day of the campaign held in the premises of Divisional Office in Mysuru, Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysuru Division, administered the *Swachhta* pledge to Railway Officers/ staff, safai karmacharis, licenced coolie porters, Cadets of Bharat Scouts and Guides and students of Lalitha Railway School.

Addressing the gathering, the DRM said that Mysuru Division would undertake a massive *Shramdaan* across the Division with focus on plastic waste segregation collection. All plastic waste collected shall be disposed of to the collection points notified by the Ministry of Jalshakti.

In the period from Sept.11 to Oct.2, a total of 4 nurseries will also be developed in the premises of important Stations of Mysuru Division such as Mysuru, Hassan, Arsikere and Mysuru New Goods Terminal, she informed.

Aparna Garg called upon all the Railway Staff to strive hard and contribute significantly to realising a plastic-free environment in trains, offices and other Railway areas and to keep a circle of cleanliness in everyday life.

She underscored the point that there should be no mismatch between our thoughts and actions as the nation gears up to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in the year 2020.

Later, a walkathon by Railway staff holding banners and placards was organised from the Divisional Railway Manager's Office to Mysuru Railway Station passing through Irwin Road creating awareness among rail-users on the perils of single-use plastic.

During the interaction of Railway officials with passengers, cloth bags were distributed to the passengers who were in possession of plastic bags.

Meanwhile, the Railways have issued strict instruction to all catering stalls in Railway Stations to completely do away with single-use plastics.

Come October, use plastic bottle-crushers at Railway Stations, get paid

The automatic plastic bottle-crushing machine installed at Mysuru Railway Station in March 2018 towards making Mysuru a green city and to maintain cleanliness at the Railway Station. However, details of recharge at this facility are not available at present.

New Delhi, Sept.15- The Railways has issued directions that from Oct.2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, no single-use plastic will be used in its premises. The Railways will add money to your mobile phone wallet if you use plastic bottle-crushing machines installed at Stations as part of efforts to promote Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative of junking single-use plastic. In his Independence Day speech, Modi had appealed to the nation to eliminate single-use plastic and find alternatives to plastic water bottles on a priority basis.

Railway Board Chairman V.K. Yadav has said the Railways will install 400 bottle-crushing machines at Stations in which a passenger wanting to use them will have to key in his phone number into the machine and his phone will be recharged. However, details of the recharge were not known immediately.

Currently, 160 bottle-crushing machines are available at 128 Stations, he said and added instructions have been given to Railway staff to collect all the used plastic bottles at Stations and send them for recycling.

The Board has also directed all Railway Units to enforce a ban on single-use plastic material, with less than 50 micron thickness. A pledge will be administered to cut the use of plastic on Oct. 2.

PM's birthday: Railways to clear plastic waste on Sept.17

Modi

Mysuru, Sept.15 (US)- Marking the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has given a call to completely ban usage of single-use plastic in the country, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has embarked on a drive on Sept.17 to clear plastic from railway area.

Senior Railway officials, employees, their family members, Railway pensioners, labour organisations, Scouts and Guides, students and Self-Help Groups will join hands to clear Railway Station area, tracks and other places of plastic.

Ten-day Yuva Sambrama from Sept.17

Mysuru, Sept.15(MTY&DM)- Ahead of Dasara festival, a 10-day 'Yuva Sambhrama' marking the launch of Dasara events will be held from Sept.17 to 26 at open Air Theatre, Manasagangotri in the city.

District Minister V. Somanna will inaugurate Yuva Sambhrama at the open Air Theatre at 6pm on Sept.17, following which well known actor Ganesh popularly known as 'Golden Star' Ganesh will inaugurate 'Tara Meragu' a colourful programme of cinema stars.

Tourism and Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi, MLA L.Nagendra, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, MPs Pratap Simha, Sumalatha and Sreenivasa Prasad and a host of other peoples' representatives will be present at the launch of the event.

The programme will take place from 5.30pm to 10pm on all the days, during which hundreds of students from numerous colleges of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts will perform dance, plays, music etc.,

On an average, 25 colleges will be allowed to perform everyday, with each college getting about 10 minutes.

The top performers at the event will be given a chance to give a performance at the grand 'Yuva Dasara' event which will be held after the inauguration of Dasara festival on Sept.29.

PM Modi birthday celebration: BJP's 'Seva Saptaha' begins

Mysuru, Sept. 15 (PM&DM)- Marking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, the city and district unit of the BJP launched a weeklong 'Seva Saptaha' at all booths in the city on Saturday.

Announcing this at a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan yesterday, Corporator Shivakumar, who is also the City Convenor of Seva Saptaha, said that the Saptaha will be conducted in all the 797 booths in the city till Sept. 20.

While the Saptaha will be led by MLA S.A. Ramdas in KR assembly segment, the programme will be led by MLA L. Nagendra in Chamaraja assembly segment and by BJP leaders Sandesh Swamy, B.P. Manjunath and S. Murali in NR assembly segment, he said.

Highlighting the service activities that will be taken up during the Saptaha, Shivakumar said that health camps, blood donation camps, eye screening camps etc., will be conducted during the week long initiative.

The other activities include cleaning up of parks, burial grounds, temples, water bodies etc., planting of saplings, conservation of trees, creating awareness on plastic ban, rain water harvesting and other water conservation methods, nature conservation, following traffic rules, promotion of organic farming, creation of awareness on adoption of specially-abled children etc., he added.

The Saptaha Convenors Prasanna Kumar, Kiran Kumar Gowda and Nanda Kumar were present at the press meet.

Mechanics asked to submit documents for Driving Licence

Mysuru, Sept. 15 (RKB&DM)- With MLA S.A. Ramdas coming forward to get DL (Driving Licence) for two-wheeler mechanics, the Federation of Mysuru City and District Motorcycle Mechanic Associations, has asked Mechanics to register for getting DL, by submitting the required documents.

Addressing a press meet here recently, the Federation President N. Ravindra Kumar said that there were 600 to 800 Mechanic Shops in the city undertaking repair of two-wheelers, employing over 2,000 mechanics.

Pointing out that a significant number of mechanics do not have a driving licence and also a majority of mechanics were unaware about the facilities extended to them by the Union and State Government, Ravindra Kumar asked the mechanics to submit their address proof and other identity cards required for issuing DL, as MLA Ramdas has assured of getting DL done if necessary documents were submitted.

He further said that MP Pratap Simha has come forward to get all facilities extended by the Union Government for unorganised workers.

He appealed the mechanics to register with the Federation for getting the benefits extended by Government.

The Federation office-bearers K. Lingaraju, Srinivas, Chotesaab, Shantakumar, Mujahid Pasha and others were present at the press meet.

Three companies submit tender for Dasara Exhibition

Mysuru, Sept.15 (YDS&DM)- With Dasara Exhibition attracting more and more number of visitors with each passing year, three companies have submitted tenders, quoting a higher rate than the amount put to tender.

After the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) invited tenders for Rs.7.34 crore, three companies have filed tenders.

While Vinod Kumar of Fun World and Resort India (P) Ltd., has submitted tender quoting Rs.8.25 crore, G. Manju of Ashwini Enterprises and buildings has quoted Rs. 7,77,99,999 and Babulal of Sales and Marketing Co., Bengaluru has quoted Rs. 7,46,19,333, it is learnt.

Interestingly, all the three have quoted a higher amount than the Rs.7.34 crore put to tender by the KEA. The KEA has forwarded the Government and the successful bidder will be known in a couple of days, according to sources.

Meanwhile, the lawn works inside the exhibition premises is being expedited with the Dasara festival just 15 days away. The lawn has not been developed in the past 20 years and this year, it is being given a makeover, so as to make it more attractive, according to KEA CEO Girish.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Facetious

Pronunciation: Fa·ce·tious | \ fə-ˈsē-shəs \
Meaning: Joking or jesting often inappropriately : WAGGISH; humorous : not serious.
Origin: Facetious—which puzzle fans know is one of the few English words containing the vowels a, e, i, o, u in order—came to English from the Middle French word facetieux, which traces to the Latin word facetia, meaning "jest." Facetia seems to have made only one other lasting contribution to the English language: facetiae, meaning "witty or humorous writings or sayings." Facetiae, which comes from the plural of facetia and is pronounced \fuh-SEE-shee-ee\ or \fuh-SEE-shee-eye\, is a far less common word than facetious, but it does show up occasionally. For example, American essayist Louis Menand used it in his 2002 book American Studies to describe the early days of The New Yorker. "The New Yorker," he wrote, "started as a hectic book of gossip, cartoons, and facetiae."
Example: Nor was Liebling seriously asserting that his facetious bit of investigation into Tin Pan Alley history constituted a refutation of Sartre's philosophy. — Raymond Sokolov, Wayward Reporter.

THE ODD WORD

Filibuster

A tactic for delaying legislation by making long speeches.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fit to a T

Meaning: If something is said to fit 'to a t' it fits exactly; properly; precisely.

Origin: The expression 'to a T', is often extended to form other phrases: 'down to a T', 'suits to a T', 'fits to a T', 'generous to a T' etc. It is also found in advertising copy like 'Golf to a tee' and 'Coffee to a tea'. Those latter jokey versions are extensions of the alternative spellings 'tee' or 'tea'. The original form 'to a T' is an old phrase and the earliest citation that I know of is in James Wright's satire The Humours and Conversations of the Town, 1693: "All the under Villages and Towns-men come to him for Redress; which he does to a T." It is difficult to determine the origin of this phrase. It would be helpful to know the correct spelling; 'T', 'tee' or 'tea'. 'Tea' is the easiest to deal with as it appears in no early citations of the expression and is clearly just a misspelling. The proposed derivations that assume the phrase is 'to a tee' are: The phrase derives from the sports of golf or curling, which have a tee as the starting or ending point respectively. The curling usage would seem to match the meaning better as the tee is the precise centre of the circle in which players aim to stop their stones. However, neither sport is referred to in any of the early citations of the phrase and there's really no evidence to support either derivation apart from use of the word 'tee'.

QUOTE BOX

A lot of people are afraid to say what they want. That's why they don't get what they want. **—Madonna**

RIDDLE THIS

What begins with T, ends with T, and has T in it?

Answer: A teapot.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	8	6	2	5	7	4	9	3
3	5	4	6	8	9	1	2	7
8	1	7	5	2	3	9	6	4
2	4	3	1	9	6	5	7	8
6	9	5	8	7	4	3	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 The French friend?
4 London's street of stabling?
8 300 for Tiberius
11 An enclosure
12 Tiny amounts?
14 Old time classic movie Alam __
15 Medic, briefly
16 Florida resort
17 Bengali surname or boy's name
18 Kiln or furnace
20 Incandescence
22 Ever present as a prefix
24 Confirm or preserve, defend
26 Think or judge
27 Scatter about
28 Windows predecessor
29 Smelly, having an unpleasant odor
30 A young swine
33 "I harm" anagram for a Biblical person?
34 Dash
35 Moneylender
37 Not so much
38 Flower part
39 Famous university in California, in short
41 Thai language - "Ola" anagram?
42 Cowboy's rope
45 Compass pt.
48 Self-esteem
49 Joined together as two oxen
50 Equal opportunity employer abbr
51 Travelling salesman, in short
52 Musical instrument
53 Invest with nickname

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	E	T			M	A	W		S	H	U	T
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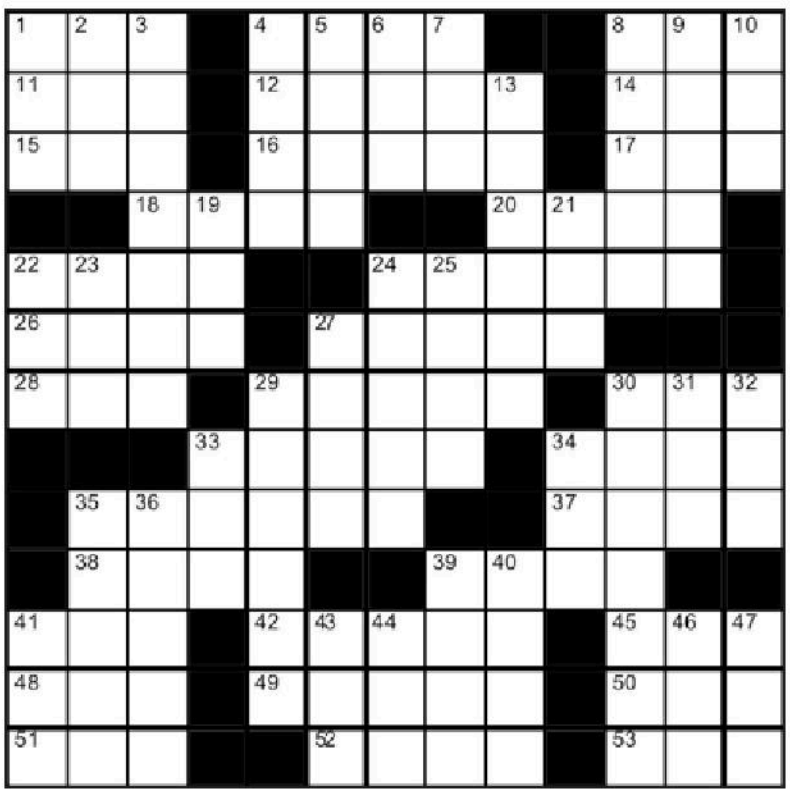
DOWN

1 Tarzan's friend?
2 Memory, in short
3 Sings or warbles
4 Act wordlessly
5 English batsman ___ Morgan
6 International racqueteer gp.?
7 U.S. Govt. Uncle ___
8 Christmas song
9 Large group of people
10 Coral island
13 Breathed deeply
19 Energy or vigour
21 Lay ___ : don't be conspicuous at all?
22 Strange
23 Medium Earth Orbit
24 North Indian state ___ Pradesh
25 Stiffly formal
27 Withered like a leaf
29 Rigidly or tightly
30 Delighted
31 Indian Administrative Service, in short
32 Global Navigation Sys.
33 ___ and cry : a large outcry?
34 Bend in a pipe
35 Employment
36 Droop, hunch or slouch
39 Internet patron
40 ___ of conduct : unwritten social norms, in a way?
41 Gaelic sea god
43 U.S. net giant: abbr.
44 The heavens
46 Former coin of France
47 World-wide ___ : the Internet, of course?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KUR HSRQKRYK OUQAARLHR KI QLW KUGLFRS GY YKQKGLH

KUR XSITARZ GL Q JQW KUQK JGAA QAAIJ Q YIAVKGIL

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Confusion is always the most honest response.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Pailwaan	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Kurukshetra	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
HINDI			
Pailwaan	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Dream Girl	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Bheege Hont Tere	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Pailwaan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Gang Leader	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Saaho	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
-----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Kurukshetra (K-3D)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 6.20 pm
Pailwaan (K)	(S-1)	3.10 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Ready Or Not (E)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	11.00 am
Chhichhore (H)	(S-2)	1.10 pm; (S-3) 10.45 am
		4.05 pm
Mission Mangal (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Girgit (Tulu)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Dream Girl (H)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Section 375 (H)	(S-3)	4.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Gang Leader (Te)	(S-4)	9.55 pm

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Pailwaan (K)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 3.10 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.40 pm
Dream Girl (H)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 12.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Chhichhore (H)	(S-4)	10 am, 3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Kurukshetra (K-3D)	(S-1)	3.20 pm
Mission Mangal (H)	(S-4)	12.55 pm
Section 375 (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Ready Or Not (E)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Nani's Gang Leader (Te)	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 9.35 pm

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Pailwaan (K)	11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Kurukshetra (K-3D)	12.15 pm
Gang Leader (Te)	12.20 pm, 6.35 pm
Dream Girl (H)	12.55 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Chhichhore (H)	3.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Section 375 (H)	3.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Saaho (H)	6.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Meritorious Sthanakvasi Jain students felicitated

Meritorious Sthanakvasi Jain students from 10th, 12th, Graduation and Post-Graduation — Chirag Jain, Rishab Jain, Priyanshi Jain, N. Chetana, Sheetal Dak, Rashi Modi and Priya Jain — were felicitated by Sthankvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan recently. Sangh Treasurer Subhash Darda, Yuva Sanghtan Past President Budhmal Baghmar, President Rajan Baghmar, Vice-President Manohar Sankala, Secretary Rakesh Bantia, Treasurer Kiran Salecha, Committee Members Nitesh Bhandari, Sunil Patwa and Bharath Bhandari were present along with other members.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT.15)

Vipra Jagruti Vedike, Vidyaranyapuram: 5th anniversary celebrations and Pratibha Puraskar presentation, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurates, Vipra leader and BJP Gen. Secretary (KR Constituency) H.V. Rajeev releases souvenir, Mysuru City and District Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash distributes Pratibha Puraskar, religious thinker Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma speaks, Ranga Shankara Sabha Bhavana, Maharshi Public School, Vishweshwaranagar, **2.30 pm.**

Vokkaligara Sangha, Mysuru District: Pratibha Puraskar presentation for SSLC and PUC students (2018-19), Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji will grace the occasion, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Vokkaligara Sangha-Mysuru President G. Manju presides, Pushpalatha Jagannath, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs and others will be present, Vokkaligara Samudaya Bhavana, Vidyaranyapuram, **3 pm.**

Uppara Mithra monthly: 3rd anniversary celebrations and award presentation to achievers of various fields, former MUDA Chairman H.N. Vijay inaugurates, retd. Joint Director of Collegiate Education Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna presides, Devegowda auditorium, Rotary Hall, opposite MUDA, JLB Road, **3 pm.**

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Labour Department, Bar Association and Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Plumbing & Sanitary Labour's Welfare Union, Mysuru: Kanunu Arivu-Neravu, Pratibha Puraskar, Sir MV birth anniversary celebrations and Annual General Body Meeting, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath inaugurates, MLA L. Nagendra unveils portrait of Sir MV, DSLA Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane will be present, presentation of Pratibha Puraskar by Mysuru District Journalists Association President C.K. Mahendra and Corporator J. Gopi, Rotary Mysore West auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM), UoM Non-Teaching Staff Association, UoM Kanaka Employees Association and Mani Prakashana: Book release — Basavaraju C. Jettihundi's *'Jettihundi: Charitreya Hejjegalu - Samskrutika Sankathana'* — by former CM Siddaramaiah, retd. UoM VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa presides, Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**

Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI): Sammscrithi-19, Cultural Nights, former DG & IGP Shankar Bidari chief guest, J.K. Grounds, **5 pm onwards.**

Vishwamanava Vokkaliga Welfare Association: Pratibha Puraskar presentation and felicitation to senior members of Association, MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurates, former MLA Vasu and former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa special invitees, Association President K.S. Krishna presides, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium Yoga Mandira, J.P. Nagar, **5.30 pm.**

Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha: Hindustani Classical Music Programme, Vocal recital by Vidu. Anagha Bhat, accompanied by Dr. Sagar Bharat on tabla and Pt. Sriram Bhat on harmonium, **5.30 pm;** Vocal recital by Pt. Kumar Maradur, accompanied by Pt. Keshava Joshi on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: 52nd Engineers Day and birth anniversary of Dr. Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Minister V. Somanna chief guest, JSS Science and Technology University VC Dr. B.G. Sangameshwar, MLAs Tanveer Sait, S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and M. Ashvin Kumar guests of honour, Institution premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita and KarmaYoga,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015: MP Tejasvi Surya launches Vikram Sampath's book 'Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past,' Pickle Jar Founder-Editor Vasanthi Hariprakash will be in conversation with the author, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **6 pm.**

Articulate Festival: Bharatanatyam by Dr. Arkodev Bhattacharya, Deepa Bhat, Sai Arts International Performing Unit, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: *Karantha Namana*, staging of play 'T. Prasannana Grihasthashrama,' School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'The House of Bernarda Alba,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Yunika Mysuru: Staging of play 'Gundu Balaga' directed by NINASAM artiste Anurag Sharma, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT.16)

Arivina Angana, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE): World Ozone Day, Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, environmentalist Prof. U.N. Ravikumar special invitee, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, B.C. Lingaiah Hall, E-Block, **10 am.**

Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Mangaluru and Sub-Regional Directorate, Mysuru: Workers Education Day-2019, office of the Block Education Officer, Gadichowk, Nanjumalige, **10.30 am.**

Ranga Ratnakara, Jnanabharati, Bengaluru: Ranga Diggaja Rajanand Memorial Programme, writer Dr. Malali Vasanthakumar speaks, retd. Prasaranga Director K.T. Veerappa presides, theatre expert and writer Dr. H.A. Parshwanath and journalist Gauri Satya chief guests, Town Hall, **12.30 pm.**

Grama Seva Sangha, Mysuru: 'Ramayana Ondu Punaravalokana,' lecture and interaction, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**

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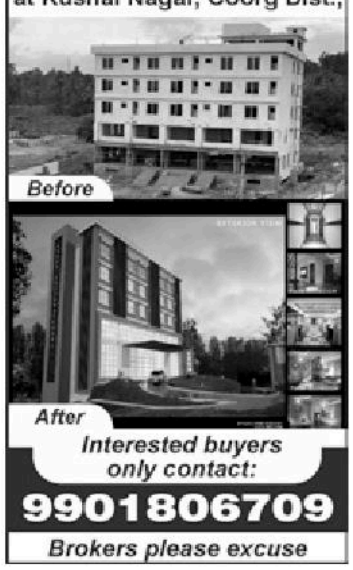

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